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ELDERLY WOMAN VICTIMIZED

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Northern Division officers and members of the Elder Abuse Unit are investigating the case of an 87-year-old woman who was the victim of a scam and robbery on June 1, 2007. SDPD believes the suspects in this case are the same suspects as the case that occurred at 7500 Girard Avenue, also on June 1, 2007. Neither victim was injured.

The victim contacted police today saying that yesterday about 11 a.m., she was driving home from the Vons on Governor Drive. Two men pulled up next to her in a dark green van and began trying to talk to her while she was at a stop light. She was not able to hear them because her window was up. She proceeded through the green light and they continued to try and get her attention; she rolled down her window and they told her that her tire was about to come off of her car. She pulled over at the Carl's Junior at 4100 Governor Drive. They all got out of their cars and looked at her car. The suspects told the victim they were mechanics and that the issue with her tire needed to be fixed immediately. They told her they could fix it for $7500. They suggested she withdraw the money from her bank and they would make the repair for her.

One suspect told the victim he would take her to the nearest bank and she got into the green van with him. The other suspect stayed with the victim's car in the Carl's Jr. parking lot.

The victim withdrew some cash from the bank and gave it to the suspect. He returned her to the Carl's Jr. lot and the other suspect told her the car was fixed and she could leave.

The victim described the suspects as follows: the first suspect who was the van driver called himself David. He is a Hispanic-type male with black hair, a scruffy beard, 27 – 28 years old, 5'10" 180lbs, wearing a navy baseball cap turned backwards, gray t-shirt, and unknown colored pants. The victim said his hands were dirty as if he'd been working or was a mechanic.

The second suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 25 years old, slender build, about 145lbs, 5'7", fair skin, clean shaven with dark hair. He was wearing a white or light blue t-shirt and unknown colored pants.

The victim said the van is a dark green cargo type van that had no windows in the back and only the two front doors, no sliding doors on the sides. She said it was dirty and possibly about six years old.

SDPD wants citizens to be aware that these suspects are victimizing elderly women. We strongly advise against getting into any vehicles or going with anyone you do not know. Additionally, if you have been a victim of these suspects or any other scam, please call police immediately.

If you have any information on these cases, please call SDPD. You may also call Crime Stoppers anonymous, toll-free tip line (888) 580-TIPS. You can remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward of up to $1000 for information leading to an arrest in this case.

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